



Gene McRoberts and the Liberty Bell at First Church, Jackson.

Mississippi's Liberty Bell To Come Home After Convention

Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell, winding up 50,000 miles of travel throughout some 13 states, will close out its year of service to Southern Baptists as it peals forth its tones at the conclusion of the Southern Baptist Convention June 15-17 in Norfolk, Virginia.

The bell will then be returned to Mississippi to take its place on the Capitol grounds in Jackson.

The final ringing of the bell at a Southern Baptist Convention session will be handled by Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., and Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, Miss. These two men were instrumental in obtaining the bell for Southern Baptist use beginning a year ago.

Dr. Taylor will be presented a plaque to be presented to the State of Mississippi expressing the appreciation of Southern Baptists for the use of the bell.

A special ceremony will be conducted July 6 at 3 p.m. at the state Capitol as the bell is brought back to rest in its normal place

on the grounds. Dr. Taylor will preside at this ceremony, and Dr. Vaught will be the speaker. Also expected to be present are Heber Ladner, secretary of state, and Evelyn Gandy, lieutenant governor.

The bell has made its appointed rounds on the back of a truck furnished by the Ford Motor Company for the purpose. The driver all the way has been Gene McRoberts, a layman from Little Rock. The bell is the exact size of the original Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and is said to have the same tone as the original bell before it cracked.

N. C. Pastor Wants Study Of SBC Symbol

NORFOLK (BP)—A pastor from North Carolina says he will present a motion at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting here, June 15-17, asking the SBC Executive Committee to study the "confusion resulting from the use of the name 'Baptist church' by independent congregations and organized denominations."

Ray K. Hodge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kinston, N. C., (Continued on page 2)

Yes, Virginians....

There Is A Convention Coming

By Julian H. Pentecost
And Thos. E. Miller

The Religious Herald of Virginia "Expect a Miracle." That is the motto on the desk of Mrs. Lois Nelson, executive director of the Downtown Norfolk Association.

She doesn't really think a miracle is needed in terms of accommodating the Southern Baptist Convention but she does recognize it as the greatest hosting

challenge ever faced by the city of Norfolk.

In a way, the SBC, which could bring as many as 25,000 visitors to Tidewater June 13-17, has become a symbol to all convention-related personnel.

"We can't fail. We won't fail," says Mrs. Mary Ann Hensley, Mrs. Hensley is an administrative assistant in the Division of Municipal Parking. She knows the location of every parking space in walking distance of Scope Convention Center. She also knows many of them are filled every day.

"Things are beginning to jell," said Paul D. Moore, local arrangements coordinator for Norfolk Association.

A few facts need to be kept firmly in mind as one evaluates arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention.

First, it is one of the largest convention meetings in the nation.

Second, only a few cities can really "absorb" with little difficulty such an influx of people. Miami Beach can probably do it best. Atlantic City is capable. Several others can handle parts of the task beautifully but cannot be rated "tops" in every area.

Third, virtually every city chosen will offer some inconveniences.

It should be obvious that weather can play a major role in comfort. If it is pouring rain, messengers will have trouble whether they are two blocks or ten miles from the convention hall.

One of the problems faced by any city's convention bureau is uncertainty of response. The Executive Committee can estimate how many messengers will attend, but no one can be certain.

Hosting the Southern Baptist Convention takes years, not days.

Representatives from Norfolk first invited the Convention in 1967 for the year 1972. That invitation was declined. In 1970 the SBC Executive Committee recommended to the Denver Convention that Norfolk be chosen for 1976. The motion was tabled after it was opposed by a Virginia Baptist who questioned the capabilities of the port city to meet the challenge.

In 1971, in spite of some strong opposition, the Executive Committee reaffirmed its satisfaction and messengers in St. Louis approved Norfolk.

Six years have passed. It is now less than a week before messengers begin arriving.

According to our estimate, there are between five and six million Southern Baptists within one day's driving distance of Norfolk.

What is the current picture? How have local people functioned? What are the prospects for a "good" convention experience?

The Religious Herald has watched and listened for six years. We have driven the area's freeways and streets, interviewed decision-makers and even sampled the food. During these six years, we have also shared the pleasures and agonies of other cities.

In 1971 we arrived in St. Louis on Sunday and couldn't even find an open restaurant. In 1972 we followed a garbage truck for miles of stop and go through narrow (Continued on page 2)

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Baptist World Population Increases During Decade

WASHINGTON (BP) — Membership in Baptist churches of the world is 32.69 million, up 21.23 percent from the figure reported 10 years ago, according to the Baptist World Alliance statistics compiled by Associate Secretary Carl W. Tiller.

The gain from 1975 is 573,447 or 1.76 percent. The figure announced a year ago was higher, but contained two errors, Tiller said.

New data from the National Primitive Baptist Convention in the USA, for which no figures had been received in several

years, showed a decline of 1,300,000 from the old number. Also, many churches associated with the Canadian Baptist mission in India had inadvertently been counted twice by the BWA in compiling data for India for a mistake of 54,000.

After allowing for the adjustment in 1975 figures, seven of the eight regional areas in the BWA report showed increases from 1975 to 1976. Europe was the only area in which the number of Baptists declined for the year.

Over the 10-year period, 1966-76, only Central America and the Caribbean area had a slight decline. This is due mainly to the recent omission of some Caribbean groups which include the word "Baptist" in their name, but are more correctly classified with the "Spiritualists," according to Tiller.

The average size Baptist church in North America has 288 members. The average for the rest of the world is 117.

Zaire, on Africa's west coast, moved ahead of the United Kingdom this year in the ranking of the 10 nations with the largest Baptist populations. Others in the top 10 listing remained in their 1975 sequence. The 1976 listing of the largest Baptist populations is as follows: United States of America, 28.57 million; India, 749,736; U. S. S. R., 545,000; Brazil, 451,811; Burma, 314,302; Zaire, 238,390; United Kingdom, 227,188; Canada, 186,539; Romania, 160,000; and Nigeria, 144,942.

Eighteen additional countries and dependencies are listed in the BWA statistics as having a Baptist witness, compared with the listing 10 years ago. A Baptist

Measure Calling On USSR To Free Russian Baptist Filed In Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Four senators have introduced legislation similar to that submitted by more than 70 members of the House of Representatives seeking the release of Georgi Vins, a dissident Russian Baptist pastor from Soviet imprisonment.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.), and Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) have introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 118. It calls on the Soviet Union to honor its commitments for religious freedom as expressed in its own constitution, and in the Helsinki Agreement and United Nations Covenant on Civil and Political Rights both of which it has signed.

Sen. Jackson said, on submitting the resolution, that it signifies the "sense of the Congress that the government of the Soviet Union should immediately release Georgi Vins from imprisonment and allow him and all other Christians and other religious believers within its borders to worship freely according to their own conscience."

"As I said in February 1975 to the Research Center for Religion and Human Rights in Closed Societies," he noted, "Georgi Vins' tragic yet far from solitary plight is a grim reminder that the atmosphere of détente has not inhibited the Soviet government's campaign of repression against religious freedom."

from that position effective June 21, 1976.

Comish Resigns Sunday School Board Position

NASHVILLE (BP) — Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board since March 1, 1971, has submitted his resignation

In a letter to board President Grady C. Cothen, Comish pointed out that "many of the initial objectives and goals I had set for the division have been accomplished because of the growing

How Is America? Compared To What?

(Editor's Note: The following material was quoted a few weeks ago by Ben Haden of Chattanooga, in his radio program "Changed Lives. When we heard it, we felt that many of our readers would appreciate it, so secured permission to reproduce it. We feel that it says some things that many Americans need to hear.)

The farmer sat on his rooftop watching a flood wash his crops away. A neighbor passed by on a barn. "Hey, farmer! All your fowls carried away!" "Yup. But the ducks can swim." "Wheat gone too?" "Yeah, but the crop was a failure anyway."

"The river is up to your windows." "Them winders needed washin' anywa."

That, my friend is an optimist. There is another at Ohio State University. He is Professor Walt Selfert of the School of Journalism.

The prof, who knows that most of us are disgusted, researched for good news about our country. He found it and you're entitled to know:

"Inflation is killing us."

"A. The average American family is better off now than ever before because wages

have risen higher than prices."

"Our air is filthy."

"A. It is much cleaner than 50 years ago when many cities belched coal smoke all winter and suffered clouds of flies all summer. All man-made pollution since time began does not equal the noxious gases from the three volcanoes: Krakatoa, 1883; Mt. Katmai, Alaska, 1912; Hekla, Iceland, 1947."

"Unemployment is at intolerable levels."

"A. NOT TRUE. It is less than 8 percent now. Our parents remember the great depression, when joblessness was 30 percent—And America recovered from it."

"Blacks aren't getting an education."

"A. More blacks go to college in America than anywhere else in the world. The total has doubled in the past 15 years."

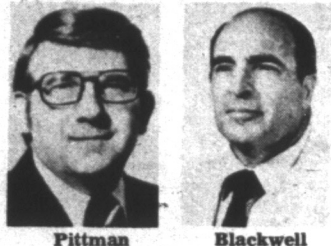
"America neglects its old people."

"A. A few decades ago they had no Social Security, no Medicare, no Medicaid. Only rich could afford the few nursing homes."

"The American family is falling apart."

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Pittman, Blackwell To Head Annual Fund Drive



CLINTON — Bob W. Pittman of Jackson, general manager of the Mississippi Economic Council, has been named as the general chairman of the 1976-77 Mississippi College Annual Fund Drive.

Pittman, a 1954 alumnus of the college and the father of two children who are now enrolled at the college, will be giving leadership to a drive that will be seeking \$300,000 during the year from alumni and friends.

Working with Pittman in the administrative end of the drive will be Bernard Blackwell, newly named director of alumni affairs at the school. Blackwell will serve as Annual Fund Director. An associate general chairman will be named soon.

Pittman, who succeeds Harry Upton of Clinton as general chairman, will direct the policy making operations of the drive and help in securing volunteers in various areas. The drive will begin during June and continue until May 31, 1977, but the primary concentration will be between now and Dec. 31.

Pittman and Blackwell have indicated that the drive will be basically a direct mail effort and monies collected will be used in the areas of law, nursing, business, Booster Club, President's Associates, Bellringers Club, Century Club, and Library Associates.

Blackwell, for the past several years, was an assistant to the president of Mississippi College. He takes over the position vacated by Dr. F. D. Hewitt, who retired after 14 years in the office. His appointment became effective this month.

A longtime member of the college faculty and staff, Blackwell first joined Mississippi College in

1959 as an assistant football coach. Prior to that he was head coach at Northwest Mississippi Junior College, West Tallahatchie High School, and Pascagoula High School and served for two years as line coach at Greenville High School. He was a member of the first All-Star football staff in 1952 of the game sponsored by the Jackson Touchdown Club.

Blackwell moves into a position that he has had close association with while serving as an administrative assistant. For the past several summers he had been responsible for planning and conducting various alumni meetings around the state and in assisting in other alumni-related programs.

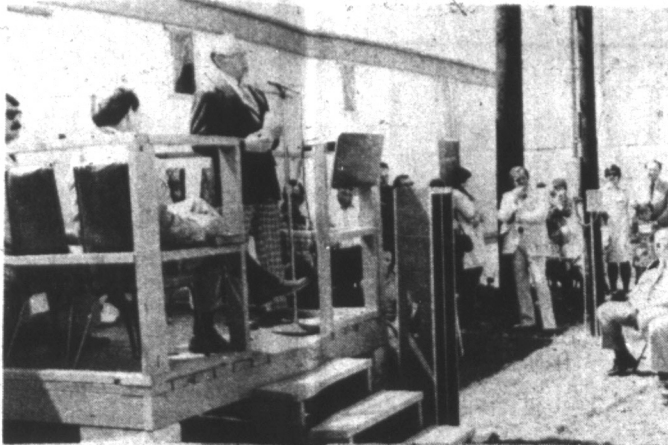
During this Sesquicentennial year of the college, he has been spearheading many activities connected with the anniversary celebration. He has coordinated the showing of a 22-minute color film, "Service to God and Mankind," which is being viewed by churches and civic groups over the state and has assisted in the distribution of "Service to Humanity" awards.

Board Elects Dan Martin As Editor Of News Service

ATLANTA (BP) — Dan Martin of Dallas, Tex., was approved by directors of the Home Mission Board here to join the board's staff June 1 as editor of the news service.



Directors also accepted the resignation of another staffer, Paul Stewart of the department of survey and special studies, who accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Dumas, Ark.



Seamen's Center Dedication
Rev. Zeno Wells, top photo, delivers the dedication message for the new Seamen's Center at the Port of Pascagoula. Rev. Wells is director of association missions for Jackson County Association. A group gathered in the lower photo, inside the center, are, left to right, Rev. Wells; Donald H. Inskip, director of the Port of Pascagoula; Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, and moderator of the association; Rev. Paul Vandercook, language missions director for Jackson and Gulf Coast Associations; and Dr. Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church and chairman of the association's missions committee. The total cost of the mobile building which houses the center and the complete furnishings amounted to \$13,140. Another program personality for the dedication was Marc Beaver, minister of music at First Church, Pascagoula.

Formerly Marrieds, Career Singles Gather On Coast

Some 157 formerly marrieds and career singles gathered for the Gulf Coast Happening Memorial Day weekend. All areas of the state were represented by the participants. Twenty-five persons commuted from the local area.

Personal growth seminars highlighted the sessions that included sharing of how churches in Mississippi are ministering to single adults through fellowship groups and Bible classes. It is estimated that about 50 churches in the state are now exercising responsibility toward this segment of their membership in specific ways.

The next Gulf Coast Happening for Career Singles and Formerly Marrieds will be held May 27-29, 1977. These programs are jointly sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

MK Dies In Accident In Texas

CLEBURNE, Tex. — Clark Whitson, 16-year-old son of Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. David H. Whitson, died here June 1. He was electrocuted when he touched an electrical wire while painting a barn.

A funeral service was held June 3 at Field Street Baptist Church, Cleburne.

Whitson's parents, missionaries to Tanzania for more than 13 years, were living in Cleburne while on furlough.

The Whitsons have been engaged in evangelism and church development in southeastern Tanzania. Upon returning from furlough, they will be stationed in Bukoba, a town on Lake Victoria, where they will assist the development of Baptist work.

Church Music Initiates Senior Adult Choir Plan

Bicentennial choirs for senior adults may become a reality this summer according to an announcement from the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Three organizational meetings have been scheduled, one each in north, central, and south Mississippi. They will be June 24, 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; June 29, 3:30 to 6 p.m.; First Baptist Church, Grenada; and July 13, 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

Dr. Jack Lyall, Music Dean, Mississippi College, will serve as statewide director. He will be assisted by regional directors.

This choral organization is open to Christians 60 years and older who enjoy singing. (Persons who are 59 but will turn 60 during 1976 are also eligible.) Christians of other denominations, as well as Baptists, are welcome.

The singers will form three regional choirs (north, central, and south Mississippi) and will participate in occasional rehearsals and performances. The regional choirs will also sing as one statewide choir on occasion. They will sing a variety of music — patriotic, religious, fun songs, and old favorites.

Fun and fellowship, as well as singing, will be a part of the organization. They will select officers and committees, as needed.

N. C. Pastor - - -

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said he will move that the SBC Executive Committee also be asked "to suggest ways that cooperating SBC-affiliated churches can identify themselves so as to clearly distinguish them for our own people and for uninitiated non-Baptists and Baptists."

He said his motion will further ask the Executive Committee "to consider the recommendation to an appropriate convention agency the design of an identifying symbol for voluntary use on bulletin boards, bulletins, stationery, and publications of cooperating churches and institutions affiliated with the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Comish Resigns - - -

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tor of divinity degree.

In addition to his service with the Sunday School Board, Comish was pastor or associate pastor of three churches in Georgia. He has held various leadership positions in the Georgia Baptist Convention, including the chairmanship of its executive, administrative, and education committees. He was moderator of the Columbus Baptist Association, Ga., 1963-64, and secretary-treasurer of the SBC pastors' conference, 1968-69.

The singers' spouses will be encouraged to attend the rehearsals and performances and assist with the various activities.

This choir is sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan C. Hall, director. The Mississippi Council on Aging, Horace Kerr, director, will serve in a supportive role, Hall said.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

It's a quiet time: the halls are hollow tunnels of emptiness, desks are silent vigils of loneliness, blackboards are slates of cleanliness, bulletin boards are squares of vacancy, filing cabinets are vaults of teaching materials, the drawn blinds are messengers of inactivity to passersby. I sit here in the muteness of my schoolroom, and along with thousands of other teachers during this month, look around the room to look back over the school year, to see if it has been worth the exchange involved, this year of our lives that my students and I have given in exchange for education, they, for getting education, I, for trying to give a portion of education.

I cannot, as important as it is, find my real joy in saying that some students will score higher when they take their ACT next year because I hounded them into learning some fine details of tenth grade English this year. Nor can I find it in realizing that some journalism students will, all their lives, know better how to deal with what they read in newspapers and hear on radio and TV because we studied rather critically this year.

The joy is linked directly to faces — faces of people, people who just happened to be assigned by a computer to come to my room for five hours a week, only twenty hours a month. What can two people accomplish in such brief encounters? We had to begin by accepting each other right where we were. For some of us, this was extremely difficult, but most of us learned it.

Then we had to decide if we could move from where we were to some better point. I'm not sure what sociological word would be acceptable here; I like to use the simple term trying, as in "to make an effort." Most of us learned that lesson, involving elementary things like being on time for class, turning in work on time, etc.

Next we had to learn to take the consequences of our own behavior; and most of us learned that. We learned not to laugh at others so quickly; we learned, in several cases, to get all the facts before deciding about something. We talked about honesty, the value of working to take care of one's responsibilities, the wisdom of legal marriage structure, the validity of being able to accept the fact about ourselves that we can always improve ourselves. It was amazing how many of life's little moments we could deal with in English and journalism classes. Many folks would be amazed to hear some of the sane and sound discussions we had. Explaining why "ain't" really isn't a worthy member of any vocabulary list led to profitable discussion of job applications.

Sitting here and remembering my students by face and name makes me know the exchange is worth it, for them and for me. For we used our texts as the basis for learning what students need to know in living. I saw some of them increase in self-esteem because they buckled down to do what was required of them. Others increased their ability to get along with others. Still others examined some relatively new concepts and gave indication of taking those concepts as a part of their way of living.

And, as always, there are a few whom I know I failed completely. They failed themselves completely. They shut out every opportunity that was given to them. The only comfort, if that word could be used, is that perhaps their realization of failure in this situation will cause them to be more honest with themselves and make more effort.

An hour a day of our lives we shared. Some of them will remember it for a long time, for many reasons. Some of them will never forget it, for they found others here at school the rest of the day who helped them to think and learn, too. Others who willingly exchanged, and whose exchange was accepted for all of life.

In the fall, there'll be a whole new ball game, so to speak. And a chance for a better batting average. For teacher, and for pupil. Happy summertime!

Baptist World Population

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cies have become nations, the dependency of the Cayman Islands has been added, and four nations have been dropped from the Baptist list: Laos, South Vietnam, Algeria, and the Yemen Arab Republic. It is possible that churches still exist in Laos and South Vietnam (in 1975 there were 2 and 21 respectively), but the BWA is out of touch with them and has therefore dropped them

from its listing, Tiller said.

The BWA reaches 28.57 million Baptists directly through its 106 member bodies. These BWA members reach an additional 202,435 Baptists through their international missions. More than 4 million Baptists are in Baptist bodies unrelated to the BWA, Tiller noted.

Baptist world statistics follow by continent or area and represent the latest data:

	1966	1975	1976	
	Members	Members	Churches	Members
Africa	418,700	791,296	6,248	826,208
Asia	911,604	1,238,058*	11,010	1,339,187
Central America & Caribbean Isles	209,486	199,042	1,604	200,616
Europe	1,132,265	1,167,520	11,141	1,143,669
Middle East	808	1,542	42	1,738
North America	24,070,732	28,291,927*	100,425	28,732,689
Oceania				
(Southwest Pacific)	105,212	112,341	1,216	113,665
South America	279,176	512,379	4,271	529,750
Totals	27,127,983	32,314,075*	135,957	32,887,522

*Corrected from report published a year ago: North America, minus 1,390,000; Asia, minus 54,000; and total, minus 1,444,000.

Distribution for 1976:		
In BWA affiliates	112,666	28,573,527
Not in BWA affiliates, related to missions of BWA affiliates	2,770	202,435
TOTALS		136,957

32,887,522



Informal Discussion

Conference leaders for the Statewide National and Southern Baptist Fellowship at Garaywa informally discuss the theme "Chosen to Preach Good News." Over 100 persons from across Mississippi participated in the two-day event. In the above photo are Emmanuel McCall, Home Mission Board; Wilbur Swartz, New Orleans Seminary; Dick Brogan, director, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, MBCB; and Richard Porter, president, East Mississippi Convention.

Measure Calling - - -

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cratic and humanitarian heritage.

Furthermore, in the struggle for human rights, we have international law on our side."

The Senate measure is similar to House Concurrent Resolution 606, introduced by Rep. John Buchanan, Jr., (R-Ala.) and more than 70 co-sponsors to date.

A former Baptist minister, Mr. Buchanan said he is "grateful to my distinguished colleagues of the United States Senate for their introduction of the resolution for the release of Georgi Vins, urging the Soviet Union to permit religious freedom."

The four senators, he asserted, "are valuable additions to the team, and their action is a significant step toward the fulfillment of our goal."

"Given the caliber and number of co-sponsors on both sides of the Capitol," he went on, "I am confident of the overwhelming passage of this resolution in due course."

"It is the hope of the co-sponsors that this strong expression on the part of Congress, coupled with similar action by our friends in Europe and the action of many private American citizens will result in the release of Georgi Vins."

Mr. Vins, 48, is secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists, a Baptist movement which refuses to register with the USSR government.

Convicted in January 1975 of "harming the interests of Soviet citizens under a pretext of carrying out religious activity," the Baptist pastor is serving the second year of a five-year sentence, at the end of which he will serve an additional five-years in exile.



Small Church Music

A group visits during a break between sessions of a conference held for Small Church Music Writing-Planning Team at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Left to right, they are Danny White of Drew; Cliff Holcomb of Brentwood, Tenn.; Linda Johnson of Belden; Gwen Keys Hitt of Wiggins; Edward Ludlow of Blue Mountain; Jimmy McCaleb of Hattiesburg; and Dr. Wyatt Hunter of McComb.



Dan C. Hall, standing, director of the Church Music Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, leads the Small Church Music Writing-Planning Team.

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Philadelphia streets.

In 1973 we knew some people who flatly refused substandard accommodations in Portland. In 1974 we endured the enormous warehouse type coliseum in Dallas and dodged the street construction; and in 1975 we took long, long bus rides to and from the Miami Convention Hall and had to eat in some unattractive establishments.

But we were happy. We enjoyed each city and its hospitality. Can anyone forget those taxi drivers in Portland who always left their seats to courteously open the doors for passengers?

And in Dallas, while the building itself was not conducive to "seeing," we at least could all get in, and the huge TV screens made it possible for us to see the color of every speaker's eyes.

But what of Norfolk? What has been done? What problems can be predicted?

Logistically, the Norfolk Convention presented a housing and transportation challenge similar to Denver where the hotels and motels were widely scattered. Restaurants in downtown Norfolk simply could not serve the expected attendance.

The majority of messengers will be housed at Virginia Beach, a 20-mile freeway trip from Scope.

If all the messengers attempt to drive into Norfolk, many won't find a parking space. At best, there will be available no more than 3,000 spaces in walking distance for the day session. A fleet of buses will be provided and "flash passes" will probably be on sale to avoid entirely the problem of parking. The cost of bus transportation will be competitive with or less than operation and parking cost for an automobile.

Local arrangements chairman for the Norfolk Convention is retired Navy Commander V. Ray Jenkins. But everyone familiar with military command structure knows a commander always has lieutenants. The "chief lieutenant" for Jenkins is a Chesapeake pastor, Paul D. Moore.

Moore is a "can do" type who persists, encourages, and sometimes sweetly badgers to get the big job done. He and Jenkins have formed no less than 12 subcommittees to handle everything from a post office to a nursery.

We recently spent the day following Moore around Tidewater and here is what we learned:

Housing
When the Convention was first invited, an early June date was anticipated and 6,400 rooms were promised by the Virginia Beach Innkeepers Association and Norfolk Housing Bureau. After the Executive Committee set mid-June dates, this number was reduced to 4,200.

Mrs. Susan Desilets, convention coordinator for the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau, knew this was insufficient. She began individual contacts to innkeepers and has secured 6,300 rooms. She told *The Herald* she may have as many as 7,000 by Convention time.

On March 28 Southern Baptists had confirmed reservations for 5,900 rooms. All Norfolk rooms have been taken. There remain something less than 500 rooms in outlying areas. None of them are inexpensive.

"This has been our greatest problem," said Mrs. Desilets. "It is not practical to expect a \$20 room in our peak tourist season."

son. Oceanfront will be \$45 a day or more, and two blocks off the water will be \$35 to \$40. There is no such thing as a convention rate during our peak season."

A committee chaired by Luther Dorr is seeking residential housing. It is designed primarily for missionaries but others may be available if Tidewater Baptists respond in sufficient numbers. One Navy chaplain has arranged home housing for 40 fellow chaplains, nine of them in his own residence.

Food
Mrs. Nelson, executive director of Downtown Norfolk Association, says food service will be no problem.

A national caterer will establish a limited choice cafeteria in Scope Center that he can feed 4,000 people an hour. Sixty restaurants in close proximity will be identified on a map to be provided every messenger.

"We will be abundantly ready for the people," Mrs. Nelson said. "A number of restaurants normally closed on Sunday and at night will be open at least until 7:00 p.m."

Transportation
The Transportation Committee, chaired by William Pittard Jr., is still negotiating for fleet bus service. Moore said there is no doubt that the service will be provided. The question is which transit line or lines will get the job.

Already, a relaxation of franchise has been accomplished.

Moore said a beach shuttle service will bring people to the Virginia Beach Convention Center where they will transfer to express buses for the ride to Scope Center. One fleet will arrive in Norfolk at 8:30 each morning and a second fleet at 9:30. The first morning ride to Scope will be free.

The local committee is frankly worried about financing the bus service. Norfolk Association churches have been asked to guarantee the cost. But Moore is hopeful the messengers will use the bus service for both economy and convenience.

Buses in the downtown business loop are free.

Nursery
A crib and preschool nursery will be provided at Talbot Park Baptist Church, 3.9 miles from Scope. Talbot Park Church, located at 6919 Granby Street, is on a bus line to downtown Norfolk.

Seating
Capacity of Scope Convention Hall is 12,000 but the stage and television equipment are expected to reduce this to approximately 11,500. The adjacent Chrysler Hall with closed circuit TV will seat an additional 2,500 for all sessions.

Special Arrangements
Airport authorities have extended permission for hospitality booths and entertainment in both the Norfolk Municipal Airport and the International Terminal. All charter flights from airlines not regularly servicing Norfolk will land at the International Terminal.

Emergency shuttle service, radio dispatched, will be available for persons without transportation who find themselves at the wrong motel.

Hotline room reservation service will be established at the registration area in Scope. This desk will know at all times every available room in the Norfolk area.

Newspaper coverage on Sunday, June 13, will include a special section on Convention arrangements with helpful maps and information.

Highway information centers will be established on all major highways leading into Norfolk.

Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, connecting Norfolk and the Peninsula, will be doubled in capacity. A letter from State Highway Commissioner Douglas Fugate has guaranteed the new two lane tunnel of Interstate 54 will open June 1 and the \$1.25 toll on both tubes will be eliminated.

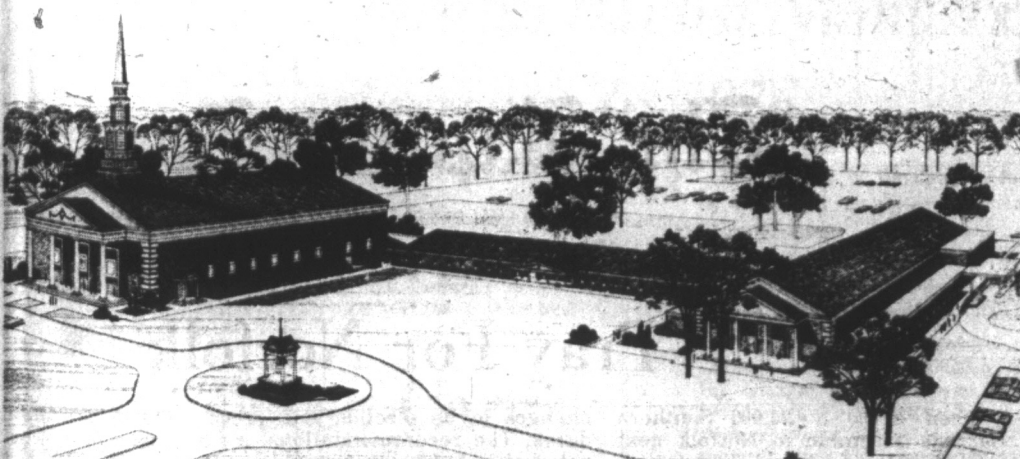
Closed Circuit TV with giant screen magnification will be used in Chrysler Hall adjacent to Scope Center. All sessions, day and night, will be projected. In addition, night sessions will be projected at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for those who choose not to travel into Norfolk.

Tours of historic and military areas can be arranged.

Conclusion
Baptists, municipal personnel, business and community leaders in Norfolk, Virginia Beach and surrounding areas are aware of their challenge.

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Building Program At Natchez

The largest church-building program in the history of Natchez has been adopted by the First Baptist Church there. The first phase of the new construction will cost approximately \$1.5 million, according to a spokesman; and it will be located on a 48-acre site on D'Evereux Drive. The drawing shown includes a permanent sanctuary, which is not included in first-phase plans. The initial buildings will be a 213-foot by 100-foot family life center and a 214-foot by 60-foot educational building. The family life center will be a two-story

structure built around a permanent pulpit area with an 80-seat choir, a pipe organ, and capacity for 850 in worship. It will have a basketball court, skating area, banquet hall for 600, a large game room, an arts and crafts room, kitchen, choir suite, three youth departments, and 19 adult classrooms. The educational building will be a one-story structure to provide for children birth through grade 6. The educational capacity of the two buildings will be 600.

Two-Pound Baby Wins The Fight

When Polly Ann Burton was born at the Newton County Hospital in Decatur on March 9, the two-pound, one-ounce infant had already begun a battle for survival against formidable odds.

She won the fight — with some help.

"We didn't think we'd ever see this day," his mother said as the Burtons took Polly home to Decatur on May 26 from the nursery of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

A nurse at the medical center said Polly "is okay." No medical problems have shown up. Her heart sounds good. She eats like a little horse. She's the best eater here.

"We'll just take her home and treat her like a normal newborn baby," said Polly's father, Homer Pace Burton Jr., "but it will be hard not to think of her as something special after all this."

At birth, Polly had a heart defect and a respiratory distress syndrome. A twin sister who followed her was delivered stillborn. Eight hours later, Polly was in the intensive-care nursery at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

(Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is one of several hospitals throughout the state which receive critically ill newborns from other locations statewide through a "Hot Line" communications link and the Statewide Newborn Transportation System based at University Medical Center and supported by the Mississippi Regional Medical Program and by the National Foundation's "March of Dimes.")

For the next 41 days, Polly was in the intensive-care nursery at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, breathing on her own whenever she could (in order to develop that vital capability as early as possible), with a respirator to do her breathing for her when she needed help. She was on the respirator, off and on, for 19 of those 41 days.

What turned the tide in her favor was the heart surgery performed on Polly when she was eight days old. Instead of increasing, her weight had gone down to 27 ounces during those eight days. The heart surgery was successful, and Polly is one of the youngest and definitely the smallest being ever to undergo such surgery at Mississippi Baptist.

Although the heart surgery won a crucial battle, the war itself was far from over. For one thing, there was the struggle to get her weight back up to her two-pound-one-ounce birth weight. This took six weeks. She was too weak to suck formula from a bottle, so the smallest available feeding tube was inserted into her stomach through her nose, and she also was fed through her veins. The tube feeding went on for two months.

Another problem was the accumulation of mucus in her lungs. Her tiny size made it difficult to loosen that mucus and suck it from the lungs. Even the smallest hand-vibrators ordinarily used on infants for this purpose were too large to use on Polly. Resourceful nurses obtained an electric toothbrush, and this brush (padded) was pressed against Polly's chest every hour on the hour for many days. Its fine vibration loosened the mucus, which was then suctioned from the lungs.

A hospital source said the physicians responsible for Polly's care gave her blood transfusions from their own arms — "a teaspoonful or two each time" — as they kept their vigil. This was done once or twice a day for about two weeks.

As the day approached for her parents to take Polly home, her nurses at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center engaged in a good-natured "argument" with the Burtons, pretending to claim Polly as their own and vowing to keep her permanently.

"One of the doctors was talking about Polly the other day," said one nurse, "and he said 'That

baby is undoubtedly one of the toughest little human beings I've ever seen.'"

Said another, as she held her palms close together:

"She was that long when she came here. Can you imagine that? And her heart was the size of a partridge egg! We sure hate to see her go."

They held Polly up for a visitor to admire. Attached to the top of her head with a transparent tape was a jaunty pink ribbon. Polly yawned and took a stretch which would have done credit to a major-league first baseman.

On the 79th day of Polly's existence (and her 79th day at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center), Mr. and Mrs. Burton and their 30-month-old daughter Naomi arrived to take Polly home. Naomi had seen her little sister through the nursery windows, but now she could touch her.

"What am I going to do without that baby?" wailed Ms. Pat Howard, R.N., Charge Nurse on Nursery, launching the final round in the make-believe "custody battle" over Polly. Other nurses kissed Polly goodbye or took photographs. Polly was dressed in a shiny pink silk dress. She weighed four pounds and seven ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton own a farm near Decatur, where they devote about 250 acres to soybeans and another 50 or so to wheat. They are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Sebastopol.

How Is America?

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"A. Marriage is more popular than ever. Two out of every three persons over the age of 16 are married. Ninety-two of every hundred live in a family group."

"We are being taxed to death."

"A. Our total taxes are far lower than in any country in Europe."

"American labor is cheated."

"A. Since 1960, the wages of members of unions have risen 50 per cent faster than the national average. Over a fifth of all blue collar workers earn \$15,000 a year."

"Our poor get poorer."

"A. In 1970, we had 14 million fewer persons in the 'poor' category than in 1960. The national percentage of people at the poverty level dropped from 22 per cent to 12 per cent in one decade."

"Our small towns are dying."

"A. In 1976, we have 30 per cent more rural towns than in 1966."

"The American farmer is going broke."

"A. AVERAGE net income per farm jumped from \$3,024 in 1964 to \$9,271 in 1974. At the same time, farm assets more than doubled."

"Americans cannot afford to

buy private homes."

"A. In 1960, there were 33 million private homes in the U.S. Today there are 38 million."

"Americans have lost their religious faith."

"A. Between 1950 and 1970, population growth slowed. Church membership, in the same span, rose 46 per cent."

"Americans are fat and soft."

"A. There are 67 Olympic events with world records. Americans established 35 of them against the rest of the world. Ten million Americans jog daily. Over 12 million play golf. Over 15 million bowl or play tennis."

"The arts are dying in America."

"A. Spread across the nation are 1,500 symphony orchestras. There are 5,000 community theaters. Almost 30,000 novels and non-fiction books are published every year. Over 17 million people buy just one publication—the Reader's Digest."

See. It reminds me of the time I swapped greetings with Henny Youngman. "How's your wife?" I said. He grinned. "Compared to what?"

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Four From Mississippi

Baptists To Go To Rhodesia To Lead Stewardship Drive

SALISBURY, Rhodesia—Fifteen Southern Baptist men from the United States will come to Rhodesia Aug. 9-29 for three weeks of

stewardship emphasis in a stewardship development campaign. Four of the men will be from Mississippi: John Alexander, Jim-

my Magee, James Yates, and Dick Brogan.

The men, including pastors and four state Baptist leaders, will be working with the churches of a different area each week. They hope to contact each church in Rhodesia, according to Joseph B. Underwood, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's consultant in evangelism and church development.

Underwood said the trip would continue as planned in spite of recent reports of civil conflict. It is the first time a group this large has gone overseas for stewardship emphasis, usually the larger groups go for evangelism campaigns.

Preparation for the development campaign included a trip to Rhodesia by Glen Brown of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention and Weldon Marcum, an Oklahoma pastor. They went in November 1975, for planning sessions with missionaries and Rhodesia Baptist Convention leaders.

The study is based on "Living the Responsible Life," a book by Cecil A. Ray. It has been adapted to the Rhodesian setting and

culture and translated into two African languages, Shona and Ndebele. According to Underwood the material is similar to that used by the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission.

Underwood said they were actively following through on the Missions Challenge Committee and World Missions Consultation recommendations to involve more pastors and state convention leaders in overseas mission work.

The leaders will be sent by their churches with gifts over and above their Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving. Underwood stated that an additional benefit of the program was the witness for missions the men would have in their home churches when they returned.

These going in addition to the Mississippians are L. Dale Huff, Eugene Hall, Al Finch and Tom S. Roote, all from Alabama; Jesse Stricker and Chester Badgett, Kentucky; Tom Green and Willie M. Newman, North Carolina; John Ivins and H. T. Dixon Jr., Virginia; and Kip Owen, Texas.



Kitchings Honored At Kosciusko

A farewell is expressed to Dr. Harold Kitchings, executive secretary elect of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, by members of the pulpit committee who invited him to preach at First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, in view of a call in 1965. Left to right are Preston Dew, George Thornton, Dr. Kitchings, Nathan Oliver, and Ray Mikell. Thornton was the chairman. Mrs. Leo Knight was also a member of the committee, but she now lives in Lufkin, Texas. The occasion was a surprise going-away service honoring the Kitchings family as he wound up the 11-year pastorate to join the Foundation staff.



Bicentennial State Mission Tour

In keeping with the 1976 Bicentennial emphasis of the nation and the Southern Baptist Convention theme "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," the Brotherhood Department sponsored a Historical Mission Tour May 24-25. As the group visited sites significant to Mississippi Baptist history, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. McLemore, tour guides, provided background information about these sites and the prominent personalities relating to them. Pictured above is the tour group.

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EDITORIAL

Pray For Norfolk

When 15,000 to 20,000 Southern Baptists assemble in Norfolk next week for their annual convention, there is need for the nearly 13,000,000 Southern Baptists who will not be there, to participate in the convention's actions, by undergirding it with earnest prayer.

This well may be one of the most significant sessions of recent years. One of the reasons is that missions advance is at the very center of the agenda. A special "Missions Challenge Committee" will bring a report, and both the Foreign and Home Mission boards are expected to reveal projections of their work for the next 25 years. This does not mean that this convention will set plans for the next quarter century of its work, but it does mean that the tasks confronting Southern Baptists will be considered, and directions will be set. Missions is at the heart of the purpose of existence of the convention, so commitment to that mission program will be at the forefront in Norfolk.

Another major report to be considered will be from a "Committee of Seven" which has, for two years, been studying the work of the convention's "executive committee." The report will seek more clearly to define the committee's work, and will suggest some minor

changes in its election and procedures. The recommendations are not major, but messengers do need guidance in considering them.

Other boards and agencies will be bringing reports of progress and revealing plans for future action, and there is every reason to believe that the convention will continue to move forward in the position of evangelical leadership which it has held in the Christian world in recent years.

Numerous resolutions will be presented. Among those already announced as forthcoming is one strengthening the convention's opposition to abortion (a position adopted by resolution two or three years ago), one calling for religious freedom in Russia and the release of Georgi Vins, and one asking for study of establishment of a new seminary in the Northeast. We are sure there will be others.

One special feature will be a recognition of the Nation's Bicentennial with the message to be brought by President Ford. He now definitely has accepted the invitation, and will speak to the messengers on Tuesday afternoon. Pray that this program can make a spiritual impact on the whole nation.

At the convention, messengers will elect a new president. While

there has been some discussion concerning who this should be, it should not raise any problems. The messengers will elect the person they want from among those who allow their names to be presented. He most likely will be a man from the area of conservatism, which has marked the convention's position for many years. Whoever the president may be, Southern Baptists will continue to move forward, as in the past, with their major emphasis on missions, evangelism, Christian education, and Christian benevolence and action.

An important pre-convention meeting will bring together hundreds of leaders in Southern Baptist higher education. They will evaluate the program of the convention in that area, and seek to find solutions to problems which are confronting all colleges, universities and seminaries in these days. And, of course, there will be other convention related meetings which already have been discussed editorially.

In all of these things the messengers from the churches, moving toward and to the meeting in Norfolk, need the clear leading of God, and the sessions need literally to be bathed in prayer for spiritual direction and power.

"No Ripples Back Home..."

This is the headline in a morning newspaper in early June. The date is not important; the headline is.

It is the lead for a story which tells of the response back in the home district of a member of Congress, who confessed that he had been involved in an "affair" with a member of his staff. (The question of her being paid a government salary now is being investigated.) The whole sordid story has been told in the papers in recent days, so it is unnecessary to detail it here.

Several facets of the story are disturbing, but one of the most alarming is that the revelation apparently is not creating any problems for the congressman back at home. He has stated that he expects to be renominated by an overwhelming majority in the upcoming primaries, and he probably is right in this prediction. A congressman from another state, involved in a similar affair, and in addition, charged with public drunkenness, won renomination in his district without any problem.

News stories reveal that there is fear among yet other unnamed congressmen that they, too, are going to be included in "kiss and tell" revelations. However, if it is not go-

ing to cause "ripples back home" then the only result of such publicity will be embarrassment that they got caught.

The alarming problem is that it ought to cause some "ripples back home" and apparently is not doing so. We hope that the reporters are wrong, and that voters are going to become "fed up" with immoral acts of those to whom they have entrusted the very highest public offices. It is hard to believe that the nation has lost its public conscience, and that we are willing for our leaders to cast aside moral values and responsibility, even though they are directing the affairs of our nation and of our very lives. There have been in recent years enough revelations of moral decay in government circles to set us trembling at the thought of what is happening.

Where are the moral standards we once knew? Have we sunk so low in the quagmire of immorality that such sin no longer bothers us? A noted psychologist recently has written a book entitled "Whatever has happened to sin?", in which he explores the present situation in which so many apparently have forgotten the word.

Yet, the Bible clearly reveals that all sin is wrong. Moreover it says that adultery is wrong, terribly wrong! The Bible condemns all sexual relationships outside of marriage. To many this is "old fashioned, passe," but it still is God's law. He still says "Thou shalt not..."

One of the evils which destroyed Rome long ago, was the abandonment of moral standards. Rome threw them to the winds, and caught the whirlwind. Sodom and Gomorrah forgot God's law too, and utter destruction followed. We wonder what will happen to America if the present trend continues.

Citizens need to get disturbed and aroused. Actually, there are enough Christian citizens in America to change the present downward drift. Simply by using their votes and their moral influence, they can demand of all elected officials honesty and integrity in public office. This could bring changes in government circles everywhere.

When conditions like this are revealed, it is time for some "ripples" to be stirred up back at home!

like a fascinating guide to learning to communicate with the deaf.

DEATH OF A NATION by Ray C. Steadman (Word, 242 pp., \$5.95) Fourteen messages that present a commentary on the book of Jeremiah, but applies its messages to our own nation today. Israel moved inexorably toward destruction; are we moving in the same manner. Here is an outstanding example of preaching through a book.

THE BREAKDOWN OF AUTHORITY by Gordon Talbot (Revell, 128 pp., \$4.95) Something has happened in America, and the world. Authority evidently has been forgotten, and chaos is resulting. And the tragedy is what is happening to individuals. There is need for return to respect for authority, and that authority must begin with God. When individuals learn that they find answers to their problems. The book gives much emphasis on counseling to help people to turn to God.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PROPHECY by C. M. Ward (Gospel Publishing, pocket book paper, 126 pp., \$1.25) A widely known Assemblies of God radio evangelist looks at prophecy and prophets, as through them God has revealed the future. Message evidently are presented much as they were delivered on the air.

LIVING WITHOUT LOSING by Don Polston (Harvest House, paper, 175 pp., \$2.95) 51 brief messages on Scripture texts, dealing with practical themes on Successful Living. The author is known for his work in the area of "Motivation."

A FAMILY LOVE STORY-BETWEEN PARENT AND TEENAGER by Lou Beardsley (Harvest House, paper, 154 pp., \$2.95) Pointed, practical messages on parents and their teenagers. The messages speak to both groups.

of her earlier years, and the experiences which finally brought her to the position of First Lady in Alabama, and the figure most intimately associated with the one whose life was so dramatically changed by one bullet fired by a mind-twisted young man. Here is a picture of a wife's courage and devotion, and of her determination and dedication to helping him carry on.

I'M LEARNING FROM PROTESTANTS TO BE A BETTER CATHOLIC by Tony Mockus with Ken Anderson (Word, 142 pp., \$4.95) A well known actor, known on TV and screen, who grew up in Chicago with European Catholic background, learned that many Protestants know Christ, and have a relationship with Him that makes their lives truly experience in his own life, and his faith shows through in his many experiences. Protestants, too, will learn much about Catholicism through these pages.

YOU CAN BE FINANCIALLY FREE by George Foshee, Jr. (Revell, 127 pp., \$4.95) Sensible advice on money management based upon Bible principles. If you are having problems on bills, budgeting, and in making decisions concerning money matters, you will find help here.

SAINTS IN SANDALS by Maude De Joseph West (Baker, 250 pp., \$5.95) An outstanding woman writer interprets the book of Acts. With vivid words pictures and imaginative understanding, she opens up the varied events of the glorious Scripture story of the early church.

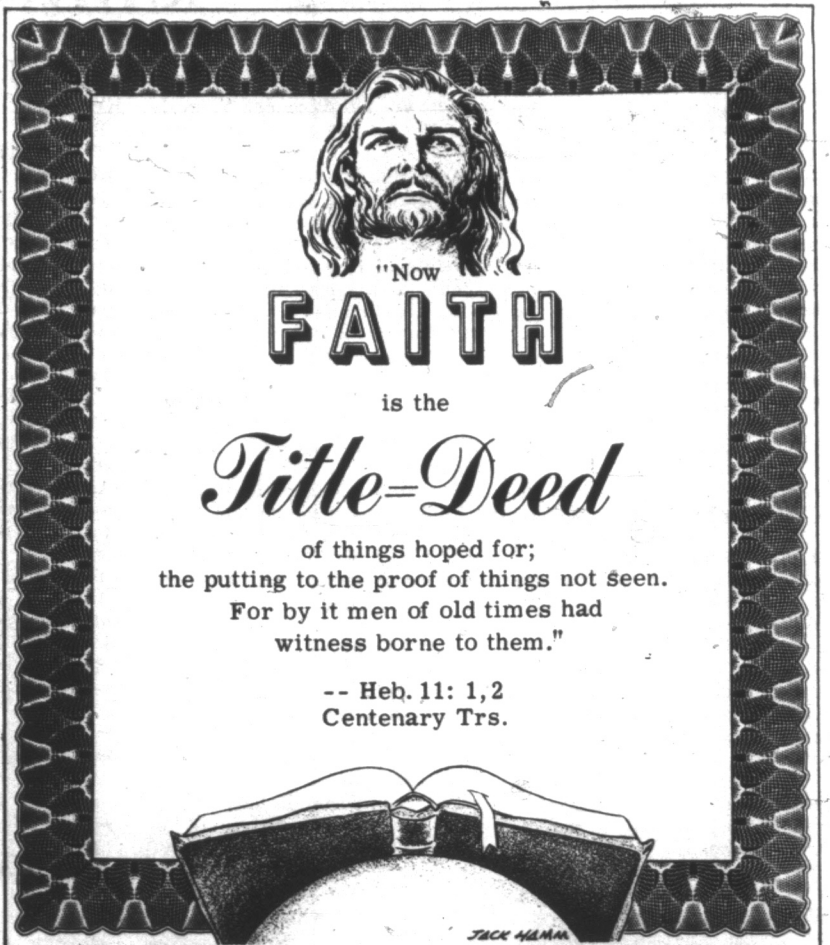
SIGN LANGUAGE MADE SIMPLE by Edgar D. Lawrence (Gospel Publishing House, 240 large pp., \$3.95) A complete manual for learning the sign language in sentence form. Over 3000 illustrations with word drills and index. This looks

NEWEST BOOKS

WE WERE THERE by Robert J. Hastings (Illinois Baptist State Association, Box 3486, Springfield, Ill. 62706, 270 pp., \$4.95 - \$5.35 postpaid.) Southern Baptists have developed a new method of recording history. It is called "oral" history, and is based upon actual conversations with people who have "lived" the history. In this new book on the history of the Illinois Baptist State Association this method is used. Author Robert J. Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist, and one of Southern Baptists' most able writers, interviewed 19 Illinoisans, and then writes the results of those interviews as if the persons themselves were talking. The result is a thrilling story of Illinois Baptist life from the forming of the association (related to Southern Baptists) in 1907, to the present time. Here is a record of life in Illinois (largely the Southern part of the state) through these past 70 years, as men and women lived it in their communities, in their churches and in the denomination. You may not have cared much for history, but you will enjoy this, and it will be a splendid book to have in your church library.

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE by Corrie Ten Boom with C. C. Carlson (Revell, 192 pp., \$6.95) The widely known and greatly beloved "Corrie," tells the story of her life before the experiences of the Hiding Place. Childhood, youth and adulthood in a Dutch Christian home. Numerous illustrations. A charming story of Christian influence and love that prepared for difficult days ahead.

C'NELIA by Cornelia Wallace (Holman, 240 pp., \$7.95) The subtitle is "An Intimate Self-Portrait." The story begins with the events of the tragic day when Governor George Wallace was shot, and continues with the experiences of the following days and months. Then the Governor's wife backs the story up, and tells



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THE BAPTIST FORUM

HMB Troupe: Musical Drama In Washington

Dear Dr. Odle:

Baptists visiting Washington are invited to a performance by the Home Mission Board troupe of the musical drama, "The Fabric of Freedom", on the Ellipse (between the White House and the Washington Monument), June 24 and 25, beginning at 7 each evening. A Washington area choir will share in this celebration of our American and Christian heritage.

The D. C. Baptist Convention is also sponsoring a Bicentennial Visitors' Booth (tent) on the Washington Monument grounds June 1 through September 4. Presentations by a musical-puppet team of college students, information about churches and special events, a pictorial display of religious life in America, and appropriate tracts and scripture portions will be offered visitors.

James A. Langley
Executive Secretary
D. C. Baptist Convention

Needs Names Of Those Going To Naval Academy

Dear Mississippi Baptists:

On July 6 approximately 1,300 young men and women from across America will begin their "plebe" year at the U.S. Naval Academy here in Annapolis. Heritage Baptist Church (College Avenue Baptist Church prior to 1972) looks forward to ministering to all of them we can. In addition, there is a splendid BSU program, directed by Dick Bumpass. It would be helpful to learn the names and addresses of those coming, in order that a personal contact may be made before they arrive. Someone from the church can meet a plane and furnish transportation to the Academy, if needed.

It may be pointed out that we have a fine WMU whose ladies can provide that extra bit of Christian friendship to the girls who will be in the Class of 1980.

If you, a friend or relative will be coming to Annapolis, please send me the needed information. Thank you.

Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., Pastor
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Let Us Not Be Deceived About Alcohol

Dear Editor

Re: Letter, Terry Hall and Wayne Hatcher, Baptist Record, May 27, 1976

The two men from Fort Worth used an apt analogy of a weed in their criticism of your editorial against "native wine." Perhaps they do not know that with weeds if you keep cutting off the tops before they can make seed, you can prevent a vast amount of their reproduction while you gradually dig out the roots! Perhaps, they are some of the very few whose lives have not been affected by beverage alcohol YET. I offer the following for their enlightenment:

Alcoholism is growing so fast that each state necessarily has initiated a state alcoholism program to provide a viable plan for alcoholism service and education.

Mississippi hospital admissions for the treatment of alcoholism increases substantially each year—2,000 more in 1973 than in 1972. This does not include those treated by private physicians, hospitals that do not release the figures,

and other private treatment ministries. —There are approximately 10,000,000 known alcohol addicts in America today (not a one of them intended to become an addict), almost as many "heavy" drinkers, and some 85,000,000 so-called moderate, social drinkers — many of whom do not realize they are alcoholics.

—Mistakenly thought to be a stimulant, alcohol is a depressant that affects the brain before it can even be swallowed. Its major component is absorbed by the gums and tongue and immediately depresses the inhibitions that hold a person steady. The drinker suddenly feels "lifted up" because the brain centers concerned with anxiety, worry, or awareness of danger are in effect paralyzed.

Alcohol destroys, irreparably, brain cells by depriving them of oxygen carried by the red blood cells as the mysterious "blood studding" phenomenon is motivated by even small amounts of alcohol. Brain cells DO NOT replace themselves. This is the same action performed by extreme malaria and typhoid fevers!

—Cirrhosis of the liver develops eight times as frequently in drinkers as in non-drinkers.

Alcohol is a proven major cause of heart muscle damage.

Alcohol is the major cause of highway deaths.

Legalization of alcohol has only increased the supply, made it accessible to more people, produced alcoholics at an appalling rate. The same propaganda that legalized liquor is now being used in favor of the legalization of marijuana.

—There are enough Baptists in Mississippi to have defeated the legalization of alcohol — not a one of them intended to promote alcoholism.

I know of no church, no school, and very few parents who are providing an adequate alcohol education for their children.

—The Bible gives numerous warnings about the treacherous nature of beverage alcohol.

—Distilleries will not provide an education for our children; wineries will not be profitable for our farmers—"be not deceived."

Thank you, Mr. Odle, for your firm stand through these years. Yours has been a position of great responsibility. Mrs. Louis Goodman, Jr.
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On The MORAL SCENE...

MENTAL HEALTH — "There is no great wave of self-assurance sweeping this nation," writes Harvard Psychiatrist Robert Coles, "and it is especially hard these days for psychiatrists to draw a firm line between the sensibly troubled and those beside themselves for utterly irrational reasons." (Time magazine, April 12, 1976, p. 24)

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Solomon's Lost Mines Possibly Found

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Shafts and tunnels cut into Jabal Mahd adh Dhahab, the "Hill of the Cradle of God," in western Saudi Arabia are probably the remains of King Solomon's legendary "lost gold mines," according to the U. S. Geological Survey. American and Saudi geologists working in a mountainous region between Mecca and Medina, believe they have found evidence that a long-known abandoned mine was probably the only one within range of ancient Israel capable of producing the quantities of gold attributed to the Biblical King's Ophir mines.

According to the Bible, about 34 tons of gold, or about half of the known gold supply of the ancient world, were brought to Jerusalem from Ophir by Solomon's workers. The precise location of Ophir is not specified in the biblical accounts—Religious News Service Photo

Continental Meeting Of Baptist Women Set

The North American Baptist Women's Union will hold its Continental Assembly in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, October, 12-15, 1977.

Plans were laid for the assembly when the NABWU Executive Committee met at Georgetown College, Kentucky, recently.

Housing and sessions will be located in two Princess Hotels in Freeport, according to Mrs. Letha Casazza, Washington, D. C., president of the NABWU. Registration can be sent to the hotels beginning March 1. The program will begin the evening of October 12 and will conclude late evening October 15.

Theme for the meeting will be "Growing in the Love of Christ." The program committee is chaired by Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff, Forest Park, Illinois, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North American Baptist General Conference. Others planning the meeting include Miss Frances Wallace, Montreal, president of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec; Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Virginia, president of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Cleveland, Ohio, president of American Baptist Women.

Chairman for local arrangements will be Mrs. Lavania Stewart, president of the Woman's Convention of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Education Convention.

This will be the sixth continent-wide gathering of Baptist women to be sponsored by the NABWU. Assemblies are held every five years between congresses of the Baptist World Alliance. The last assembly, held in Toronto in 1972, was attended by 2,500.

The North American Baptist

Women's Union is one of six continental organizations of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Seventeen separate Baptist groups are represented in the NABWU, including Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad, the Bahamas, three from Canada, and ten from the United States.

"Keep Those Cards And Letters...."

By Guy Henderson
Missionary (Philippines)

If look before you leap is great advice then consider "mull it before you mail it." Each month thousands of Southern Baptist are mailing money to various radio and television personalities, special charities sponsored by well known people, and to various religious (and irreligious) organizations. No doubt some of these are worthwhile and the character of those making the appeal may be above reproach. However, it would not be a total disaster if you delayed mailing it until you check it out.

Recently Dr. Carl E. Bates wrote an interesting letter to his church members in which he stated he had received a request from Pat Boone. Mr. Boone asked for \$10.00 per month to send out Bibles. Dr. Bates would be one of 15,000; that would be \$150,000 each month if all respond. I'm sure this is a worthy project, however, Southern Baptist throughout the Cooperative Program and the American Bible Society have been doing this for years.

Kathryn Kuhlman did this

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist numbers in Africa, advancing slightly above 1975 statistics, total 827,664 according to a report by the Baptist World Alliance. African Baptist church membership totalled \$791,266 a year ago.

African Baptist Numbers Increase In 1976

The number of Baptist churches in African countries declined sharply, from 7,516 last year to 6,297 now. However, the decline is apparently a technical one, said Carl W. Tiller, BWA statistician.

While the BWA does not have a country-by-country explanation of the change, Tiller observed that two factors are probably at work; first, a consolidation of congregations, often for legal purposes, in some countries, though they may still worship and function separately; and second, a reclassification of smaller churches into "chapels," particularly where the concept of a minimum membership has been adopted to meet the test of "church."

The Republic of Zaire remains far out in front in its Baptist numbers, with 238,330. Nigeria is second with 144,717, and Cameroon third with 87,387.

Among the countries where there has been civil unrest during the past year, Angola shows an increase in church membership, although some of its members, especially in the north, are probably now non-resident refugees in Zaire, according to the BWA.

taking over your home town unless you get that check in the mail right away.

Surely you can mull it over a few days to check on the authenticity of the appeal. In the meantime check with your church and find out the ministries now being performed by Baptists in the USA and in 83 other countries.



Kansas-Nebraska Breaks Ground

Kansas Governor Robert Bennett, center, while participating in ground breaking ceremonies for a new Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists' building, said he would be "keeping an eye on Southern Baptists after you move into the building." Bennett explained by noting that the building site is down a long, sloping hill from the official residence of Kansas governors, "Cedarcrest." The building site is also near the famed Menninger Mental Health Foundation's grounds.

The new building will provide 17,000 square feet of floor space at a cost of \$476,000 and is to be completed in 11 months. It is being built on what many say is the "choice location" in Topeka, the capital of Kansas. Pat McDaniel, pictured on the right of Bennett, is the 65,000-member, bi-state convention's executive director and Luther Berry, pastor of Pleasantview Baptist, Derby, Kan., left, is its president.

Family Ministry Sets National Meet, Two Others

FAMILY MINISTRY SETS NTL.

NASHVILLE — As part of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's priority on support of and enrichment for family life, the family ministry department has scheduled three weeks of family emphasis on Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Centers this summer.

Mississippi J. Clark Hensley will be a conference director.

The first and most comprehensive of the planned meetings is the National Family Enrichment Conference, to be held at Glorieta, July 10-16.

"There will be something for every member of the family, from first-graders to great grandparents," says Joseph W. Hinkle, secretary of the board's family ministry department. "We have enlisted a best leadership among Southern Baptists, and hope to reach 400 families during the week."

The youth conferences during the national meeting will focus on "Freedom and Responsibility." Topic for the children's conferences will be "Families Are For Love."

The evening sessions, for all family members, will relate particularly to family life. Speakers for this session are Wade Rowatt, professor of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; John Drakeford, professor of counseling and psychology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; R. Lofton Hudson, director, Midwest Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City; Wallace Denton, professor of family life and Christian development, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; Nathan Stone, pastor, Manor Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.; and J. Clark Hensley, director, Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson.

Can A "Rope Of Sand" Be Stronger Than One Of Steel? Baptists Learn That Interdependence Independence Are Correlated

By Gaines S. Dobbins
Sixth in a Bicentennial Series

W. W. Barnes, seminary professor of church history and author of *History of the Southern Baptist Convention*, was programmed to bring an address on "United Baptists." The type made it read, "The United Baptists." Dr. Barnes remarked, "The printer was wiser than he knew!"



Early American Baptists were "gun shy" of organization. They had suffered too much from organized, "established" religion. They gloried in the independence of each church. Yet as the churches grew in size and numbers they felt the need of one another. There were interests in common and need of one another to fulfill responsibilities. Spontaneous "union meetings" began to be held.

Inevitably these meetings developed organization. There had to be a moderator, committees on arrangements and program, on gathering reports from the churches, on common undertakings, on questions of polity and order and miscellaneous matters. The main purpose of the "associations" was fellowship and exchange of information. They became popular and well attended.

The next step was organization of "state conventions." These followed pretty much the pattern of the associations, except that attendance was extended and activities enlarged.

Northern Baptists began to organize "societies" for togetherness in their efforts — Home Mission Society, Foreign Mission Society, Publication Society, etc. There eventuated what came to be known as the "Triennial Convention," its national meetings to be held every three years. Cooperation of churches of all the states was sought.

Headquarters for the Triennial Convention, which created difficulties and tensions for Baptists of the Southern states, were at Boston, Mass. Representatives of the slave-holding Southern States, discriminated against, organized in 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention. Tensions flared until the War Between the States erupted. Defeated, the Southern States returned politically to the Union but the two Baptist Conventions remained separate.

The Southern Convention constituted the Domestic and the Foreign Mission Boards, later Southern Seminary the Sunday School (Publication) Board, and from time to time other boards and agencies to serve and be supported by the churches.

With the multiplication of agencies and their increasing range and needs, it became ever more difficult to find for them fair and adequate support. "Special days" were suggested when collections would be taken from each state and Southern agency. This made gifts uncertain and inadequate. A better way was needed.

Missionaries' Journey Home Full Of Trials, Triumphs

RICHMOND (BP)—The Finlay M. Grahams left behind a victory in Baptist work, traveled through a "no man's land" others feared to enter and finally arrived in the United States to tell of life during Lebanon's civil war of more than one year.

The victory was the graduation of their one senior student from Beirut's Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. About 70 people from the seminary community saw the young Moroccan graduate. The seminary has remained open, not missing even one day of classes, throughout the war-torn school year.

In a telephone interview, Grahams said the fighting had gotten closer to the seminary within the last weeks, with some rockets landing on the seminary grounds. But the work continued and the students will return for the fall term, he said.

As the Grahams prepared to leave Beirut for a short trip to the U. S., increased fighting made their exodus difficult. The journey to the airport had to be made through an area of Beirut called "no man's land" which divided the two fighting factions. Radio reports were not good. No one was advised to enter.

The Grahams said they prayed about it and felt certain they should go ahead with their trip to the U. S.

They went to a friend's house to pick up mail and packages to bring to the states. From there

adequate. A better way was needed.

I remember the heated and lengthy debates as to how the problem might be solved, just fifty years ago. The most impressive plan was proposed by Dr. J. W. Gillon, state secretary for Tennessee. He had a series of drawings mounted on easels. One represented an emaciated cow being milked. Anxious milkers stood in line awaiting their turn. The plan was obviously unsatisfactory either to the cow or the milkers!

The next picture showed a contented cow being milked by an

pert genial milker. Having filled the pail, he measured to each one waiting a proportionate amount according to agreed need. He proposed to call the plan "Cooperative Program," its administration to be in general under auspices of the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention for southwide agencies, of a like committee of the States. The simplicity and practicality of the plan appealed immediately to the Conventions, the causes, and the churches. It gave and still gives the conventions dependable operating budgets, the supported causes reliable incomes, the churches a sense of vital partnership with one another and with the persons and work to whom and for which the money goes.

The Cooperative Program has been likened to "a rope of sand." Such a "rope," lying loose on the ground, has little strength; but fused, its particles melted together, it can have the strength of steel. We must never let "the Program" become an impersonal abstraction, a percentage table, but kept alive as God-ordained, Christ-centered, Spirit-guided, and person-minded!

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall" was our Revolutionary War slogan!

"Cooperatively We Win, Lonely We Lose" may well be our Baptist watchword!

teach. No Baptists have been hurt, although several have lost family members, according to reports. Three churches have been damaged, but services continue in all but one.

One new church is being born in the midst of the war, Grahams added. This preaching point is composed of people stranded in the seminary area, unable to attend their regular places of worship. When organized it will have 25-30 charter members with seven or eight already awaiting baptism, he said.

Relief work has continued as missionaries seek to help families, most of whom are Baptist, to stay alive economically. An appropriate \$21,000 has aided 250 people, including 65 Baptist families. Unemployment is critical in Beirut, because industry and business are at a standstill, Grahams said. Of the funds, made available by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, \$5,000 was appropriated to repair church-

they called the James K. Raglands Southern Baptist missionaries, whose home would be their next stop. The Raglands, living near the Beirut Baptist School, said the fighting was still going on and the trip was not advisable.

The Grahams again prayed and "had a certainty" they should continue. At a checkpoint dividing the two sectors, armed soldiers advised them to turn back, warning them of snipers reportedly in "no man's land." Mrs. Grahams told her husband the decision was his. They went on.

There was not one car, not one person to be seen in the area. The slow half-mile journey through the heart of Beirut seemed much longer than it was, Grahams recalled. All around was the evidence of a raging civil war — massive hotels gutted by fighting, looted stores and homes. There was no sound. The normal city noises were replaced by an eerie deserted feeling, he said.

By what the Grahams call a "miracle of God," they were allowed to pass and reached the other side safely. The Raglands were surprised and pleased to see them. They had not really expected the Grahams to come through.

Behind them, still carrying on Baptist work, are three missionary couples and two single missionary women.

Much of the work has been hampered, some stopped by the war, but the Beirut Baptist school has continued for much of the time and missionaries remain to

Today's Youth



To Greet Guests In Birmingham

Pam Hammett, a Home Mission Board student summer missionary from Jasper, Alabama, will do summer work with visitors to Woman's Missionary Union building, Birmingham. Miss Hammett will give hundreds of visitors a sample of missions education until August 11, 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.



Bicentennial Collection Given Carey

Student assistants in the history department at William Carey College, Bob Mosley of Biloxi and Eric McNair of Ridgeland, look over a part of a bicentennial collection given to the college by an anonymous donor. To be on display the week preceding July 4, the collection includes colonial and revolutionary currency as well as commemorative plates, bells, medallions, and ingots. The total collection has been appraised at \$6,000.



Hattiesburg Team Establishes BSU At Youngstown U., Ohio

The Single Adult Mission team of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, went to Youngstown, Ohio recently to establish a Baptist Student Union on the campus of Youngstown State University. This came at the request of the First Spanish Baptist Church of Ohio, Rev. John Pistone, pastor. Team members making the trip were, from left: Front row, Debbie Carter, Marilyn Livingston, Sharon Slaid, Lurline Tapley, minister of education. Second row, Bob Jones, Janie Boykin, Debbie Sweet, Debbie Roberson, Mary Butler and Allen Foxworth. Third row, Rickey Moore, Carl Bradley, James Burnham, Allen Fox, Roy Moore, and Larry Redd. Not pictured but also making the mission trip were Billy Hayman, Freda Martin, David Williams, and Rev. Stan Meade. The team worked with the elected Baptist Student Union officers, who were members of the First Spanish Baptist Church of Ohio, witnessing for Christ and creating involvement in Baptist Student Union on the campus of Youngstown State University. This university is a commuter campus numbering about 27,000 students. "This was a challenging but rewarding mission and God blessed with the establishment of a Baptist Student Union which will meet twice weekly," states Miss Tapley. Team members also worked in the First Spanish Baptist Church of Ohio in a revival effort while in the area. This mission trip was sponsored by their own church, 38th Avenue Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

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Columbus Youth Choir Plans Hawaii Trip

The Youth Choir of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Columbus, is preparing for a mission tour to Hawaii in July. The choir will leave Columbus July 9, traveling to Los Angeles for a flight to Hawaii. They will be working in the city of Waianae with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Mullins, home missionaries to Hawaii, leading Backyard Bible Studies, Youth Led Revival, and Youth Rallies.

The youths have been trained in Bible School work, and Larry Salter, youth consultant of the Convention Board led the youths in lectures concerning Backyard Bible Clubs at a Youth Prayer

Retreat.

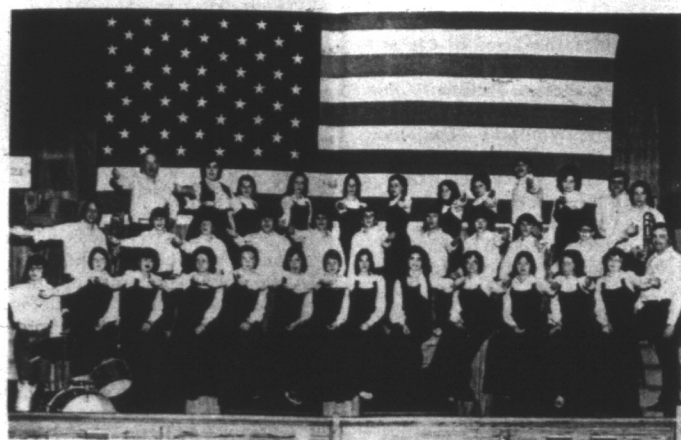
The youths have been under a study of witnessing for the past eight months.

The youths will present several formal concerts of sacred music in Hawaii and will also present the musical, "Reaching People," during their revival effort.

The choir will be returning to Columbus on July 24 and will be presenting the home concert on July 25 at the church.

The choir will be outfitted with clothing from Hawaii, and will be available for concerts and slide presentations.

Dr. W. E. Prout is Interim Pastor.



Singing In Washington, D. C.

"SPIRIT EXPLOSION," Highland Church Youth Choir, Vicksburg, is on choir tour to Washington, D. C. June 8-14. They will sing at Decatur, Ga., Marietta, Ga., Gretna, Va., Hamilton, Va., and Gainesville, Ga. David Grimsley is minister of music and Rev. James E. Messer is pastor.



Highland, Laurel, Ordains Don Rahaim

Don M. Rahaim, second from left, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Rahaim of Laurel, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Highland Church on May 16. Don, who graduated from New Orleans Seminary on May 15, has been called to serve on the staff on First Church, Kenner, Louisiana.

Pastor Ralph Graves, left, led the ordination prayer and presented the Bible to the candidate. Rev. Paul Bullington, second from right, pastor of Holland Avenue Church, Columbia, S. C., Don's pastor when he was called to preach, delivered the charge to the church; and Dr. Bob Adams, right, professor of Ethics at New Orleans Seminary, delivered the charge to the candidate.



Cleveland Children Present Musical

The Children's Choir of Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland, recently presented the musical, "Zack, Jr." Mrs. Lewis Nichols is director of the choir and Mrs. G. R. Harden is accompanist.

I Remember Violets

When I was only nine
Death took dear dad of mine—
His love I have missed,
but I remember this . . .

We walked in spring woods, my dad
and I
where grass burned its green flame.
We walked and talked; his words were
true,
and something a child could name —
I cannot remember just what he said,
— knew that the robin's breast was red.

We walked in spring woods, my dad
and I,
listened to a bobwhite's whistling sound.
We walked and talked; I heard his voice,
saw violets color patches of ground
with lavender-blue—and I picked a bouquet
I remember on that April day.

Strange what a child's mind holds—
I lost the words we spoke
yet I can see the violets
of yesterday.

— Eunice Barnes
(In memory of my father, Russell
William Davis)

Mississippi Youth Choirs Attend Festival

GLORIETA, N. M. — Youth choirs from three Mississippi churches attended the recent Youth Choir Festival at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M.

The churches include First, Batesville; First, Magee; and First, Picayune.

Mississippi choirs were three of twenty-four youth choirs representing 10 different states which gathered at Glorieta for the four-day festival sponsored by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Youth participated in a parade of choirs and in combined festival choral presentations, as well as in worship experiences planned for the meeting.

In Memory Of Lavon Perry Letter From Heaven

Dear Mother and Daddy
Dear sisters and brother
I've something to tell you
For you to tell others
I've missed you so much
Those last days before
So I must tell you something
That I want you to know
Those last days I lived
Were misery for you
But God was my doctor
And God saw me through
He blessed me to live
Unconsciously through
The pain and the suffering
That were witnessed by you.
Then all of a sudden
My eyes knew no night
He whispered my name
And I saw Heaven's light
Oh, the beauty of Heaven
My road I have trod
Oh, Mother and Daddy
I'm living with God!
Sometimes I stop to think
Of my days with you there
And I smile at my memories
And the way that you cared
For God gave me to you
And I loved you so dear
That's why I'm waiting
To live with you here.
For up here in Heaven
Everything is so new
I love everybody
And they love me too.
I've often heard you crying
And asking Jesus why
He had to take your baby
Why he had to let me die!
Oh, dearest loving mother
My sweet adoring dad
Don't question God's own choosing
And try not to be sad.
For in these days I've lived with him
Dear God has shown me why
He chose me to live in heaven
And let my earthly body die
He's shown me all the turmoil
Your world is living in
How good falls under evil
By the works of wicked sin.
So, therefore, be not troubled
Let your minds and hearts so rest
For I'm standing here with Jesus
The one who knows the best.
Sometimes he even lets me
Softly brush a cloud away
And I look with him from heaven
And we watch you through the day.
I even see my friends
Playing games we used to play
But I'm happy just to watch them
As the sunset ends the day.
So please don't let me see you
Cry another grieving tear
And please tell all my loved ones
I'm happier up here.
For all the tears you're shedding
Won't bring me back to you.
I'm now in God's sweet heaven
And there is nothing you can do.
But just be proud and thankful
I was one that God so loved
That he picked your budding flower
For his bouquet up above.
So now I want to tell you
I was proud to be your son
And I'm waiting up in heaven.
Your loving child,
Lavon

By: Patti Callahan

Carthage, Mo.

(Note: The above was written by a young girl from Carthage in memory of a ten-year-old boy who was hit by a Trailways bus.)

Mississippi Students Graduate From Union University

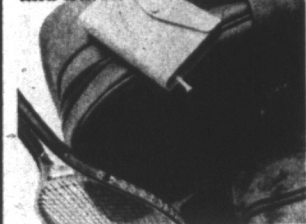
Seven students from Mississippi received degrees in the 151st commencement exercises at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, Saturday, May 29. They were among 212 to be the first graduates from the new campus of the Baptist college.

They are: Nan Vann Flynn, Amory, Associate of Arts in Nursing degree; Lawrence Darwin Brooks, Belden, Bachelor of Music; Charles Michael Carroll, Columbus, Bachelor of Arts; Judy Carolyn Bain, Corinth, Bachelor of Science; Emily Annette Newman, Greenville, Bachelor of Arts; Dona Crowson Smith, Louisville, Bachelor of Science; and Julia Ann McIlwain, Southaven, Bachelor of Science.

Speakers for the graduation activities were Dr. Landrum Levell, president, New Orleans Seminary, and Mrs. Jeannette Clift George, actress.

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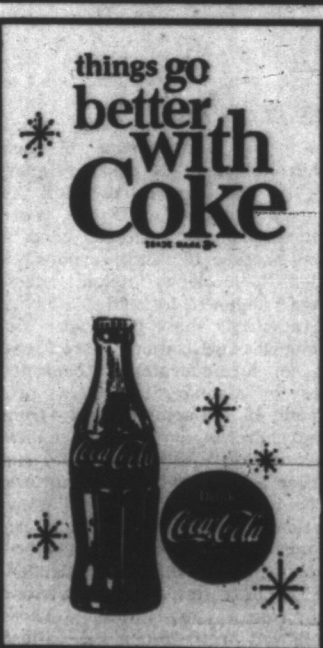
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Struggle And Growth

By Wm J. Falls

Acts 11:11-18; 15:1-35; 19:23-27;
Galatians 2:11-16

Remembering the evangelistic victory of Pentecost, the conversion of Saul who has persecuting the church, and the spread of Christianity, some people may think that those were the days of great deeds and few problems. But reading the New Testament closely will reveal opposition and internal stress among the believers. After all, problems in the churches led Paul to write several of his epistles. Today's lesson looks at perhaps the most serious one: Should Gentiles have to become Jews before they could become Christians? In other words: Could a person be saved by faith in Christ alone, or must he also perform some ritual or work? Differing answers gave rise to many present-day denominations.

The Lesson Explained
PETER REPORTS TO THE CHURCH (Acts 11:11-15)

All of chapter 10 is taken up with the story of Peter and Cornelius, the God-fearing centurion of Caesarea. While Peter preached in the Gentile home, the Holy Spirit came, much as he did at Pentecost. When Peter return-

ed to Jerusalem, he was criticized by the Judaizers for eating with Gentiles (11:3). What a charge to a missionary! So, Peter, a leader among Christians, had to explain what he had done. In verses 5-10 he told of his vision on the roof-top. Then, in our lesson passage he declared that the Spirit had instructed him to go to the house of Cornelius, and he took "six brethren" with him. He had hardly begun to speak at Caesarea when "the Holy Spirit came down on them" (TEV). These Gentiles received God's gift!

THE CHURCH ADMITS NEW INSIGHT (Acts 11:16-18)

Then Peter said he remembered a statement by Jesus in Acts 1:5 about believers being "baptized with the Holy Spirit." And the thought came to him: Since God has sent to these Gentiles the same Spirit we Jewish Christians received, how can I afford to stand in God's way? Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ was the secret. Not even the Judaizers in the church could answer that argument. So they all joined in praising God and said aloud: "This means that God has granted life-giving repentance to the Gentiles also" (NEB). That was quite an admission.

PAUL INSISTS ON PRIMACY OF FAITH (Gal. 2:11-16)

In 2:1-10 we have the story of Paul's second visit to Jerusalem,

this time to explain clearly to church leaders what he had been preaching to the Gentiles. Despite earlier accusations from Judaizers, he spoke frankly, and in the end the leaders agreed that Paul and Barnabas "would work among the Gentiles and they among the Jews" (v. 9, TEV). The leaders were James, Peter, and John.

Later in Antioch, Peter ate with Gentile Christians, but after a committee from James arrived, he refused to have fellowship with them (v. 12). Other Jews followed his hypocritical example, even Barnabas. That was too much for Paul, and he opposed Peter to his face, and his question must have been sharp and embarrassing. "A few days ago, Peter, you—a Jew—were living like a Gentile; how can you have the nerve to insist now that Gentiles must live like Jews?" Such action by an average believer might have gone unnoticed, but Peter was an apostle and a church leader. Paul could not ignore him.

Then Paul went on to state a fundamental Christian principle. Even Jewish Christians knew they could not be set right with God by obeying the law; that could come only by a faith commitment to God in Christ. Obeying the law had never acquitted the Jews; why then impose the law on Gentile believers?

Prayer Lift For Pastors: June 13-19

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Edwin Alexander, Philadelphia
Gerald Aultman, Pleasant Grove
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Fred Morris, Wellman
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June 15
Malcolm Massey, Southway
Frank Smith, Topisaw
Curtis James, Union Hall

Lowndes

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G. C. Sansing, Bethel
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Jerry Stevens, Calvary
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June 18
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George Myers, Pleasant Hill
David Claxton, New Salem
Henry Floyd, Steens
John Cook, Southside

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June 19
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David Perry, Bunker Hill
James Walker, Calvary
Alfred Jones, Cedar Grove
Melvin Porter, Clear Creek

June 20-26

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June 20
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Paul Robertson, Edna
Earl Suber, Emmanuel
Sam Jones, Foxworth
Patrick Henry, Goss
June 21
Bobby Speights, Holly Springs
Donald Womack, Hurricane Creek
Roy Black, Improve
Gregory Smith, Kokomo
Billy Williams, New Hope
June 22
Jack Turner, North Columbia
David Moree, Pine Burr
Floyd Beason, Sandy Hook
Richard Edwards, Shiloh
Frank Stringer, Spring Cottage
June 23
Mayson Easterling, South Columbia Mission

Marshall

David West, Bethany
Chandice Johnson, Byhalia
Jerry Baker, Calvary
Don Grimmer, Carey Chapel
June 24
George Golden, Clear Creek
Harry Jones, Cold Water
Albert Wilkerson, Cornersville
Joe Nunnley, Friendship
Thomas Tutor, Holly Springs
First
June 25
E. C. Blackwell, Mt. Moriah
Pender Cobb, New Harmony
Alvis Cooper, Potts Camp
Homer Worshman, Red Banks
Larry Williams, Salem
June 26
Ralph Butler, Slayden
William Gullick, Spring Hill
Mississippi
Tom Vassar, Amite River
Bob Golden, Berwick
Allen Parnell, Calvary

W. T. Holloway Marks 40th Year In Ministry

This year is Pastor W. T. Holloway's fortieth in the ministry. This spring he preached his fortieth anniversary message at Clear Springs Church in Choctaw County, where he had been pastor for 23 years.

Mr. Holloway and his wife, Clara, began their ministry in 1936. He preached his first sermon on March 29, 1936, at Spring Hill Church, Calhoun County. On March 29, 1942, Spring Hill ordained him.

He and his wife have been faithful workers through these forty years in Southern Baptist churches. He has been pastor of twelve churches, with Mrs. Holloway serving as pianist in most of them. He has been pastor in three counties in Mississippi, and has held many revivals, some in other states. He has baptized a large number of people, married



Mr. and Mrs. Holloway

many couples, and conducted many funerals. His fortieth anniversary message was preached at Clear Springs on Sunday night, March 28. The message he brought was based on Matthew 25:1-13, the same that he used in his first sermon.

First, Gulfport, Resolves To Support Carey's Coast Branch

First Church, Gulfport, Dr. John Traylor, Jr., pastor, has adopted a resolution of commendation and support of William Carey College's new Gulf Coast branch.

The resolution of First, Gulfport, stated, "Every course offered by William Carey is God-centered and directed toward the development of Christian character and the advancement of Christian work. We as a church express our gratitude to William Carey College, its staff and its Board of Trustees for their foresight and prompt action in regard to the acquisition of the Gulf Coast Military Academy property and for their desire to offer to the citizens of the Gulf Coast area the opportunities of obtaining educational advantages not offered by any other established Gulf Coast institution;

"We pledge to support this tremendous effort by William Carey College with our prayers and any financial support that we are able to give as individuals.

"We encourage the citizens of the Gulf Coast to support this effort of William Carey College and urge them to use the facilities to advance their educational attainments and to further develop

Christian character and training."

Missionary Injured On Hiking Trip

MARACAIBO, Venezuela —Southern Baptist Missionary Richard A. Forrester was injured when he fell off a cliff while hiking with some boys, according to Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's medical consultant.

In addition to a minor line skull fracture, Forrester fractured his left femur and wrist. He is in the hospital here receiving adequate medical care, according to Fowler.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Living By The Spirit

By Bill Duncan

Galatians 5:16-26

How does one live a successful Christian life? Some would say daily reading the Bible, daily prayer, faithful church attendance, love, commitment in Christian service, do what Christ would do. Paul said "live by the Spirit."



Today, there are a lot of people who are talking about the Holy Spirit. Many of them are caught up in spiritual excesses. But the tragedy is that some are so afraid of the extreme that they have tried to avoid the discussion.

The command of the Bible is that the Christian should be filled or controlled by the Spirit. What does it mean to be filled by the Spirit? When is a pitcher full of water? When there is nothing in it except water, and the water comes all the way to the top of the pitcher. Most saved people are full of themselves and of the Holy Spirit. With some it is because they do not know of anything better. Others, however, are unwilling to make the necessary break with their old selves and have only the Holy Spirit fill them.

At Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). Collectively, they were baptized into one church. Since Pentecost, every saved person has received the Holy Spirit at his conversion. The Spirit will and wants to be president of the life, not just resident. When He is in charge, then there is the fruit of the Spirit ministry. If Christ is

being magnified through one's personality, the ninefold fruit of the Spirit is evident. When the Spirit controls the life, He works through the person to get his work accomplished.

In every Christian's life, there is a struggle going on. The word "flesh" describes the unregenerate human nature or personhood. In Galatians 5, Paul uses flesh to describe the kind of living that is opposite of living under the Spirit's direction. The civil war is real. When we were saved, we did not lose our earthly nature or personality.

Paul suggests that the Christian cooperate with the Spirit and let Him lead. The life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit overcomes the influences and weaknesses of the world. Persons who constantly practice the sins of the flesh will not have a share in the kingdom of God. Persons who have genuine faith will not persist in "fleshly" living.

It is important to remember that man cannot produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. "But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us." He is the producer and we are the means of His productions.

The fruit of the Spirit is character that is Godly: faith, meekness, self-control. The person who possesses these qualities is the person whose life is a joy to the Lord.

The fruit of the Spirit is a right relationship to one's fellowman: longsuffering, gentleness and goodness. These qualities help to transform a community.

The fruit of the Spirit is inward peace and foundation for life: love, joy, and peace. This produces a fountain that flows out to others.

The Spirit leads the Christian to produce the life and character of Jesus Christ. Many people refuse to be saved because they do not think they can live up to such high moral qualities. God does not expect us to live up to such high standards by ourselves. Living in the power of the Spirit is the secret of victory in the moral conflict which engages every Christian.

Remember, we do not control

the Spirit; He controls us. The Spirit delivers a man from following sinful inclinations and produces in him a harvest of loving relationships.

Collum Called To Ingalls Avenue Staff Position

In a recent service, Richard Collum dedicated his life to full-time Christian Service and was called to serve on the staff of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church, Pascagoula. He began his full time work in the church on June 1 as minister of education and activities. A new Activities Building will be dedicated on June 27, 1976.

Richard is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in Nuclear Engineering. For several years, he has worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding in the Nuclear division.

He has served as Church Training Director and as a Deacon in the church.

Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor of Ingalls Avenue.

Kyzar To Speak At Lexington Homecoming Day

First Church, Lexington, will celebrate Homecoming June 27, with services at 11, dinner at the church, and an afternoon service.

An Old Fashioned Day is the theme to tie in with the Bicentennial.

Dr. Jewel H. Kyzar, former pastor, will be speaker for the morning service. Dr. Kyzar attended Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, and received his doctoral degree from Mississippi College. He held pastorates in Lexington and Drew, Laurens, South Carolina and at First Church, Greenwood. He served on a

Revival Dates

West Side, Macon: June 7-13;
Rev. Lamar Ball, Crump, Tenn., evangelist; Mike Smith of E. J. Daniels' team, directing music; Mrs. Sue Ann Ryals, Louisville, pianist; services 7:30 each evening; Kenneth Overby, pastor.

The world today is hearing too many sermons and seeing too few. Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them.

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Participating in the groundbreaking were: From left: Alton Smith, Rev. Robert L. Dunn, Odie McCaskell, Eddy May, James Webb, chairman of the building committee; and James Boyd, vice chairman.

Locust Street Begins New Sanctuary

Locust Street broke ground for new facilities Sunday, May 23. They are to build a colonial design sanctuary with steeple and a two-story educational building. The first floor will consist of the kitchen and fellowship hall, nursery and preschool department, and the adult department. The children's division, youth division, church records and literature office, the church secretary's office, and the pastor's study will be located on the second floor. The contract was awarded to Technical Services, Inc. of Florence, Alabama. The building was designed by James W. McCleskey, Jr., architect from Hattiesburg. Rev. Robert L. Dunn is pastor. The previous building was destroyed by fire.

Evangelism Leadership Conference To Focus On Young Adult Ministry

Atlanta, Ga. — The first Young Adult Evangelism Leadership Conference will be held Aug. 24-26, 1976, at Y.M.C.A. of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colo.

The conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board, will include seminars and round-table discussions on the problems peculiar to ministering to young adults.

This age group (age 18-34), including singles, students, and couples, "besides being the largest segment of the American population, are also the church's greatest challenge and potential," says Joe Ford, coordinator of the conference for the HMB.

Deadline for registration (which includes a \$20 pre-registration fee) is June 15. Write Joe Ford, Home Mission Board, 1390 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309, for details.

NOAKHALL, Bangladesh — A Bible Correspondence School Camp was held here recently with 38 Hindus and 41 Muslims attending separately. The reading room staff of five librarians assisted Tapash Halder, Stephen Sarkar and Southern Baptist Missionary James E. Young. Those who attended had completed 55 Bible lessons, thereby receiving a New Testament. Ten of the Hindus made professions of faith.



1st, Biloxi, Begins New Life Center

Pictured above, left to right are Phil Kempkes, Chairman of the Building Steering Committee; E. M. O'Neal, Chairman of the Plans & Construction Committee; and Rev. Mose Dangerfield, minister of education at First Church, Biloxi. The occasion was the groundbreaking ceremony for a \$725,000 New Life Center, scheduled to be completed in about one year.

J. O. Collins Contractor, Inc., of Biloxi is building this facility that will provide educational space, a chapel, a large fellowship hall and a modern kitchen. Fred Wagner, the architect, and Mose Dangerfield designed this building.

On the same day, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of the new activities building. Several hundred people were in attendance for the dedication service of the new facility that contains a full size gym and skating area and 4,000

square feet of game room and classroom space.

The opening of the activities building and the groundbreaking for the New Life Center occurred on the 101st birthday of First Church, Biloxi.

John W. Caperton Dies At Tunica

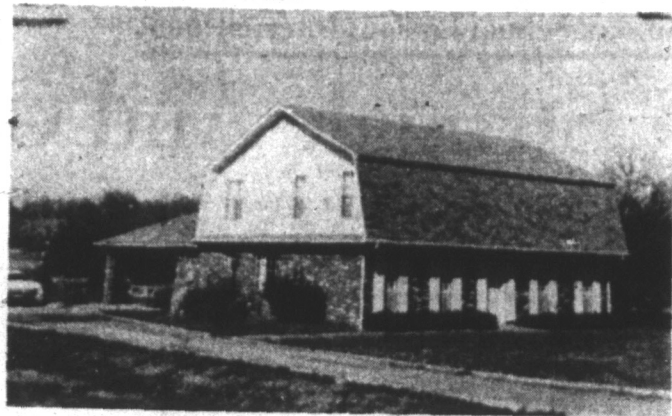
John W. Caperton, 84, died June 1 at his residence in Tunica after an extended illness.

Funeral services were June 3 at the First Baptist Church, Tunica, with Rev. Barney Walker of Jackson and Dr. Pat Nowell of Tunica officiating.

Mr. Caperton was a former member of the board of trustees of the Baptist hospital at Memphis. He was also a former member of the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board, and a former director of the Mississippi Chemical Company.

He was the organizer of the J. W. Caperton Foundation, which is to aid in educating ministerial students. He was a founder and director of Tunica County Bank, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Tunica, where he was a deacon for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Regina Lee Caperton of Tunica; one daughter, Mrs. W. E. White of Anniston, Ala.; one son, A. C. Caperton of Tunica; four sisters; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Crenshaw Buys Pastorium

Crenshaw Church (Panola) recently purchased the two-story, four-bedroom, three-bath dwelling pictured above, for the pastor's home. The old pastorium, located next door to the church, is currently being used for Sunday School space. Trent F. Grubbs is pastor. B. P. Gates is chairman of the Building Committee.

Devotional

Not I, But Christ

By J. B. Miller, Pastor, First, Carthage
Galatians 2:20

Most Christians I know are looking for success in their daily living. They are sick of running hot for Christ one moment and running cold for him the next; it troubles them when they know they are grieving the heart of God. Apart from Christ, the Apostle Paul was a person who excelled in practically every endeavor.

What made the Apostle Paul an author, a teacher, an organizer, a great administrator and a great character? If you will, he was a "religious fanatic." The definition of a fanatic is fan-at-it. A golf fanatic is a person who is a fan-at-it, and all fanatics, whether in the field of sports, art, medicine, politics, or religion, have one thing in common; they are great enthusiasts. They get excited!

The Apostle Paul was a religious fanatic. He was enthusiastic about the things of God. Religion excited him. Paul understood what it meant when Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done." This great apostle was subservient to Jesus. Paul's money, time and talents were to be used as God chose.

Many Christians have never come to the place of full surrender. There are rooms of their lives where they say, "Touch not!" It may be the thought room, or the money room, or the talent room, or the recreation room, or the magazine room, or the bedroom—whatever the room, Christ does not have the key to it. Half-hearted disciples never find happiness. Christ insists on whole-hearted devotion; "No man can serve two masters."

When the Apostle Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus it was nothing short of a revolution. Paul was changed on the spot. His life was gloriously transformed and he became a new creation in Christ Jesus. Now he excelled as the Champion of Christianity. What was the secret of his achievements? How could he accomplish so much—working with his hands, traveling extensively, founding and visiting churches, and writing thirteen or fourteen books in so little time? The answer in four words, "Not I, but Christ." Paul was completely at the disposal of God. He permitted the resurrected Christ to re-live His life through him. That was the secret of his success.

Utica Building Named For Former Pastor, Wife

A house located next door to the Utica Baptist Church in Utica has been purchased by the church for educational purposes and has been named the Williams Education Annex in memory of Rev. Owen Williams, pastor of the church for 28½ years, and in honor of his widow, Mrs. Williams, a member of the church. The house has been renovated for educational space, and the purchase price and the renovation totaled \$35,000.

The house is 100 years old. "When it becomes necessary to build a new educational building, the name will be transferred," said Pastor Jack Albritton.

The building was dedicated dur-

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — A record-breaking response for two free "prime time" television programs flooded the Baptist Communications Center here with over 1,300 telephone calls and letters during a single week recently. The largest response ever to a Baptist radio or television program in Uruguay came as the result of the showing of two Christian films on the two leading television stations in the country. The previous record response was 300 contacts from a television program in April 1974.

ing a Saturday afternoon with a fish fry of fresh catfish. Rev. Fred Tarpley, director of association missions for Hinds-Madison Association, was the principal speaker. One of Mrs. Williams' children also spoke.

The chairman of deacons made the presentation of a plaque explaining the significance of the name of the building. The church was 147 years old on April 26.

Bethel (Rankin) To Dedicate Family Life Center June 13

Dedication services for the new Family Life Center at Bethel Church, Whitfield Road, Brandon, will be held Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m. Rev. J. B. Costilow of Newton and Clarke College will be the guest speaker.

The all-purpose facility will have classroom space for about 150 people. The standard size gymnasium will be used for various recreational activities, conferences, banquets and fellowships. There will be a kitchen, dining area, restrooms and equipment room. This is the second such facility to be built among Baptist churches of Rankin County.

During the week following the dedication service other special activities will be held. Monday

night, June 14, a one night revival is to be conducted with Rev. James Gill as the evangelist; Tuesday night, June 15, will feature a special musical program; Tuesday night, June 17, there will be a banquet for the entire church family with Bill Clark, minister of Music at Madison Church and a television personality, as speaker; Friday night, June 18, basketball games for both men and women will be featured. The pastor, Rev. Elton Moore, and the Bethel congregation, invite friends and neighboring churches to share in these special services.

The building committee is composed of Adrian Stringer, Tommy McKay, Mrs. Jewell Walker, P. L. Nichols and Johnny Sheppard.

Zion Breaks Attendance Record

Zion Church (Pontotoc) celebrated Memorial Day on May 2, with a record-breaking Sunday School attendance of 163. David H. Lee, Jr., pastor, delivered the Memorial Day message entitled "Daddy, Why Do People Die?" based on a conversation between the pastor and his four-year-old son concerning the subject of death.

Special music was presented by Billy and Terry Donaldson of Pontotoc. A cemetery offering in excess of \$1000 was received. Highlights of the day included a gallery of pictures depicting the church's 145 year history and the presentation to the church of a painting of the "old church" structure presented by the Ruth Sunday School Class. Following the services a fellowship dinner was served.

Off The Record

A visitor seated himself on the back pew of a church after he entered in the middle of a sermon. After a long time he leaned over to an elderly worshipper beside him and whispered, "How long has he been preaching?" The old man replied, "Thirty or 40 years, I think." "I'll stay, then," the visitor declared. "He must be nearly through."

In rebuking Junior for his low grades in school, the parents referred to little Robert, a few doors down the street, as an example: "Robert doesn't get C's and D's, does he?" the father asked. Junior replied: "No, but he's different. He has very bright parents."

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. James E. McAtee, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Dr. Charles Myers, Alta Woods Baptist Church, 108 Colonial Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39210).

Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music, 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, will serve as a Small Church Music Specialist for the Church Music Department. He will continue his work at 38th Avenue, but will give limited time on a contract basis to this new area of ministry to smaller churches.



He, assisted by his wife, Ashley, will work with the Church Music Department and a large team of selected persons from all areas of Mississippi. During the next 18 months they will develop simplified music leadership materials for pastors, lay music directors, and accompanists of smaller churches.

Barbara Russell of Decatur has been elected president of BSU at East Central Junior College for 1976-77. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Russell of Decatur. She has been appointed as a summer missionary with



the Home Mission Board in Illinois, and will leave June 9 for orientation at Judson College in Elgin, Illinois. Last year she was a summer missionary in Guadeloupe, French West Indies. Her academic curriculum is nursing.

Rev. John Roy Eubanks, Pearl, has been chosen to appear in the Bicentennial edition of the book PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH, and has received a plaque pointing up that honor. He is a retired Miss. Baptist pastor, who pastored Second and Calvary churches in Greenville, and several other churches in Mississippi. He also pastored in Louisiana and served as an Associational Missionary in New Mexico.

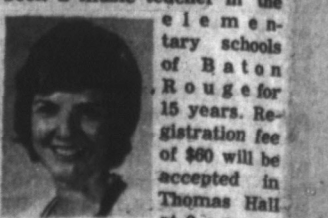
Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First, Grenada, is the author of an article in the Summer, 1976 issue of Search. The article is entitled "A Church

Staff Builds Understanding."

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionaries in Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field address: Caixa 07-1185, 70000 Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil.

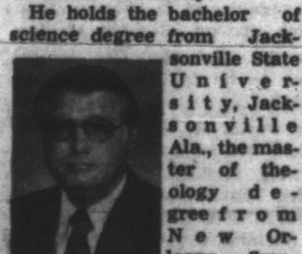
Doyleen Higginbotham has joined the staff of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, as music secretary. The wife of Bob Higginbotham, she has two sons, Bobby, 9 and Steven, 6. Dr. David Grant is the Broadmoor pastor.

The first annual Elementary Music Education Workshop will be held June 17-19, at William Carey College, Hattiesburg. Clinician for the workshop will be Mrs. Patricia Magee. Mrs. Magee has been a music teacher in the



elementary schools of Baton Rouge for 15 years. Registration fee of \$60 will be accepted in Thomas Hall at 6 a.m. on June 17. Participants may receive two hours credit or non-credit. For pre-registration, contact Dr. W. A. Bufkin, Box 141, William Carey College, Hattiesburg 39401.

Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church at Brookhaven, have been awarded the doctor of theology degree by Baptist Christian University.



He holds the bachelor of science degree from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala., the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

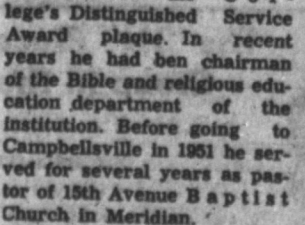
The Hanveys have one daughter, Kathryn Roberta, aged 10. They have been at Easthaven since Jan. 6, 1974.

Don Wayne Buckley of Jackson has been awarded THE T. M. HEDERMAN III Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Buckley of Jackson.

John Oldenburg, retired minister of music and youth, is available for service in revivals, and-or retreats. At present, he lives at Ocean Springs (Route 7, Box 1331, Ocean Springs, MS 39564). In frequent trips, he and his wife

serve as Campers on Missions. For thirty years he has served as pastor, minister of music, youth leader, education director, revival leader and soloist in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Michigan, North Dakota, and Alaska.

Dr. Paul G. Horner has retired after nearly 25 years of service on the faculty of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky. In recognition of his service he was presented with the College's Distinguished Service Award plaque. In recent years he had been chairman of the Bible and religious education department of the institution. Before going to Campbellsville in 1961 he served for several years as pastor of 15th Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian.



Rev. and Mrs. H. Glen Schilling, pastor and wife of Central Church, Brookhaven will lead in Vacation Bible School and revival services in Cortez, Colorado June 13-18. Rev. Wesley Case, formerly of Brookhaven, is pastor of the pioneer mission church, June

20-23 the Schillings will be assisting her brother, Rev. Donnie Bond, in evangelistic efforts in Conrad, Montana. The Central Church of Brookhaven is making this trip possible by providing the financial needs.

Rev. David Hawthorne will be in charge of the evening service during homecoming on June 13 at Rehobeth (Rankin). The special day will include an 11 a.m. service, dinner on the grounds, and singing at 2 p.m.

Mack Amis preached his first sermon and was licensed to preach by Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, on May 30. Mack is a



graduate of Pascagoula High School, has attended Mississippi State with a major in engineering. This fall he will attend a Baptist college. He is available for pulpit supply or a pastorate. He is one of eight adults at Ingalls Avenue who have surrendered to the "ministry" in the past four years. Another has entered the field of religious education and activities. Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor.